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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6471

BILL NUMBER: HB 1087

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Squirrel Hunting Season.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ripley

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the opening date and closing date of squirrel hunting season to be the same in all counties.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) could incur some minor expenses associated with notifying the public in the change in dates for hunting squirrels. However, since the DNR must notify the public of hunting dates anyway, the expense is likely to be negligible.

Background Information. Currently, squirrel hunting season for the northern part of the state (north of US 40) begins August 15 and ends December 31. Squirrel hunting season for the southern part of the state (south of US 40) begins August 15 and ends January 31.

The state has no "squirrel hunting" license. Individuals interested in hunting squirrels must obtain a small game license. Squirrels generally begin to hibernate in January.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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